

## REMARKS

### I. Amendment to the Claims

Claims 20 and 22 are amended herein to correct a typographical error by replacing the word "pathway" with the word "aperture", and claim 28 is amended herein to depend from claim 27. Therefore, these amendments are not considered narrowing amendments related to patentability.

### II. Election of Species

In the Office action of April 28, 2006, it was asserted that the subject application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species:

- 1 – Terminal End Structure Species;
  - Species I: Fig. 6A;
  - Species II: Fig. 6B;
- 2 – Syringe Needle Species;
  - Species I: Figs. 15A-15C;
  - Species II: Figs. 16A-16C;
- 3 – Adapter Species; and
  - Species I: Figs. 1-5, 17A-17B;
  - Species II: Figs. 18-24;
  - Species III: Figs. 25A-25C;
  - Species IV: Figs. 26A-26C;
- 4 – Cartridge Species;
  - Species I: Figs. 7-11;
  - Species II: Figs. 12A-13C.

The Examiner requires Applicants to select a single disclosed combination of elements (i.e. one species of terminal end structures with one species of syringe needles with one species of adapters with one species of cartridges) for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. The Examiner further stated that a reply to this requirement must include an identification of the species that is elected consonant with this requirement, and a listing of claims readable thereon.

Applicants hereby select the following species for prosecution on the merits and believe that claims 1, 4-7, 10-12, 15-18, 21-24, and 26-29 are readable thereon:

- 1 – Terminal End Structure Species II: Fig. 6B;
- 2 – Syringe Needle Species I: Figs. 15A-15C;
- 3 – Adapter Species II: Figs. 18-24; and
- 4 – Cartridge Species II: Figs. 12A-13C.

In addition, Applicants believe claims 1, 4, 11, 12, 15, 22, and 23 are generic. Claims 2, 3, 8, 9, 13, 14, 19, 20, and 25 are withdrawn. However, if a generic claim is allowed during prosecution, then consideration of claims 2, 3, 8, 9, 13, 14, 19, 20, and 25 is proper under 37 C.F.R. § 1.141.

III. Conclusion

It is believed that all pending claims are in form for allowance, and such indication is respectfully requested.

A petition for a one month extension of time to respond to the April 28, 2006 Office action is requested, making this Amendment and Response due on or before Wednesday, June 28, 2006. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 04-1415 the amount of \$120.00 to cover the extension of time fee. It is believed no further petitions or fees are due with respect to filing of this Amendment. Should any such petitions or fees be necessary, however, please consider this a request therefor and authorization to charge Deposit Account No. 04-1415 accordingly.

Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

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